

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

May 10, 2005

MINUTE NO. 21

10:45 a.m. - Room 8

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Borgerson, Dearborn*, Krawetz, McCall*, Trew and Yates.

Substituting Members:

Mr. Dearborn for Mr. Cheveldayoff

Mr. McCall for Mr. Hagel

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Bashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Judy Ferguson, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Victor Schwab, Principal

Bill Harasymchuk, Manager

Kim Lowe, Manager

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 14 (Culture, Youth and Recreation) of the *2004 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Ms. Ferguson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following department Culture, Youth and Recreation officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Barbara McLean, Deputy Minister

Dylan Jones, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Youth Branch

Dawn Martin, Executive Director, Culture and Heritage Branch

Melinda Gorrill, Director, Corporate Services Branch

3. The committee concurred with recommendation 14-1 made at page 286 of Chapter 14 (Culture, Youth and Recreation) of the *2004 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation should set out written processes to adequately oversee its agencies. The committee noted that the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation is making process towards complying with the recommendation.
4. The following document was tabled:

PAC 18/25 – Department of Property Management: Response to question raised at the May 3, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: SPM competing with the private sector on tenders for vehicle service, dated May 9, 2005.

5. The committee next considered its representation at the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees 26th Annual Conference. It was moved by Mr. Borgerson:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts authorize the attendance of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, one government member and one opposition member at the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee to be held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, August 21st to 23rd, 2005, and further that if the Chair or Vice-Chair cannot attend, they be authorized to designate another committee member to attend in their place.

The question being put, it was agreed.

6. The committee adjourned at 11:43 a.m. to the call of the chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Elwin Hermanson
Committee Chair